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Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREWORD

The accomplishments of the Vermont State and County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees during 1969 are presented in this annual report.

The information relative to the various ASCS programs administered in Vermont provides a reference for readers and explains to the people we serve how USDA programs are handled by our organization.

We wish to pay tribute to the dedicated State, county and community committeemen who make the operation of these programs so successful. We also wish to commend the work of our efficient ASCS County Executive Directors.

We are proud of the fact that Vermont leads the Nation in ACP participation. If any reader has any questions about our programs, please feel free to contact us.

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ADMINISTRATION

The Vermont State ASC Committee is responsible for the administration of ASCS activities assigned to them by the Department of Agriculture.

These programs are administered in Vermont at State, county and community levels by ASC farmer committeemen. Farmers in each community elect annually from their number a community committee of three to carry out the programs and do the field work in their community. Any farmer who, as owner or operator of a farm, participated in the past year, or will participate in the coming year in the Agricultural Conservation Program, or is eligible for price support, is eligible to vote in this annual election. The community committeemen also serve as delegates to attend a county convention at which a county committee of three is elected. The county agricultural agent serves as an ex officio member of the county committee.

The county committee administers the programs at the county level within the policies and guides set up by the State Committee. Each county committee employs a full-time county executive director who is in charge of the county ASCS office.

The State Committee is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is responsible for the administration and operation of all applicable programs in the State. The Committee determines the policies and makes recommendations to be carried out by a State Executive Director who is the administrative head of the State ASCS Office. Supervision of county offices is handled by two District Directors headquartered at the State ASCS Office.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Administration

The Agricultural Conservation Program is authorized by an Act of Congress and came into existence in 1936. The program recognizes the need for additional conservation of our soil, water, and forest resources. It sets up a system whereby the Government and farmers can join together in a program of conservation. This provides for a farmer-consumer effort to encourage and financially help farmers to carry out needed conservation practices so that the Nation's farms may continue to produce in the future.

The program is developed from the recommendations of the community and county committees as these reflect the needs at the grass roots. The State Handbook of Practices is drawn up and approved by the State Committee working with the National and State Forest Service representatives and the State Soil Conservationst. The provisions and practices are within the framework of the National Bulletin.

The program is administered through the locally-elected county and community committeemen. There are 42 county committeemen and 435 community committeemen serving the program as it is operated in Vermont at the present time. Through this service they develop qualities of leadership which are a valuable asset to the community and State.

The average cost per farm enrolled in the program for the fiscal year 1969 for the committeemen's work in administering ACP and the other applicable programs in Vermont was county committee - \$1.46 and community committee - \$3.99. These men receive pay on a per diem basis for the time worked only.

In addition to the conservation work carried out on the land as summarized in the tables contained in this report, the program, through furnishing lime and fertilizers on a contract basis, has kept the costs of these materials at a lower level than they would have been otherwise. In working with the railroads in connection with the transportation of the materials, freight rates have been reduced in many instances.

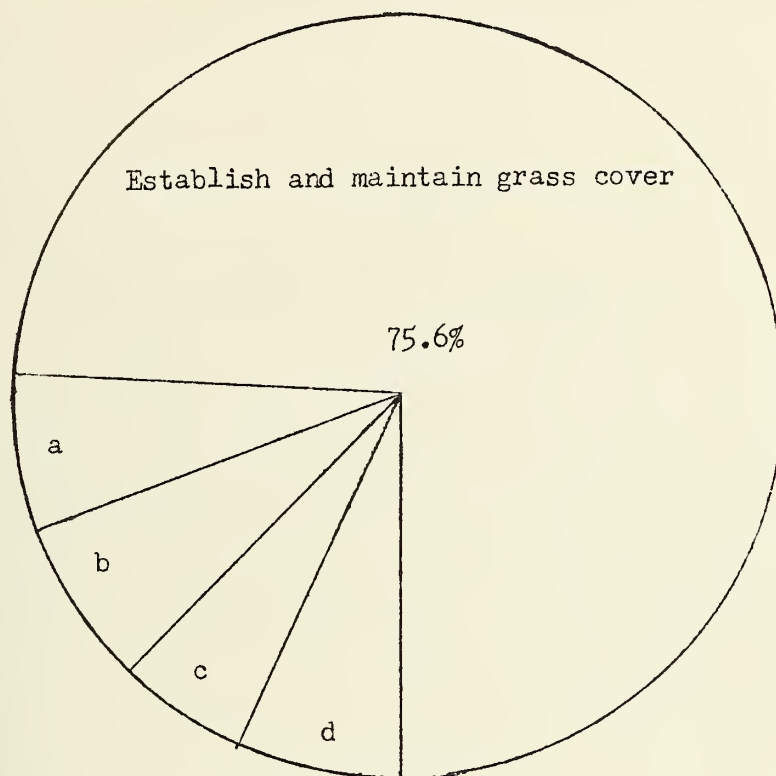
The tabulation on page 13 showing "Use of Funds" by years indicates that the farmer has been and is contributing in cash and services considerably more than the cost of the program to the Government.

Technical Service Agreements

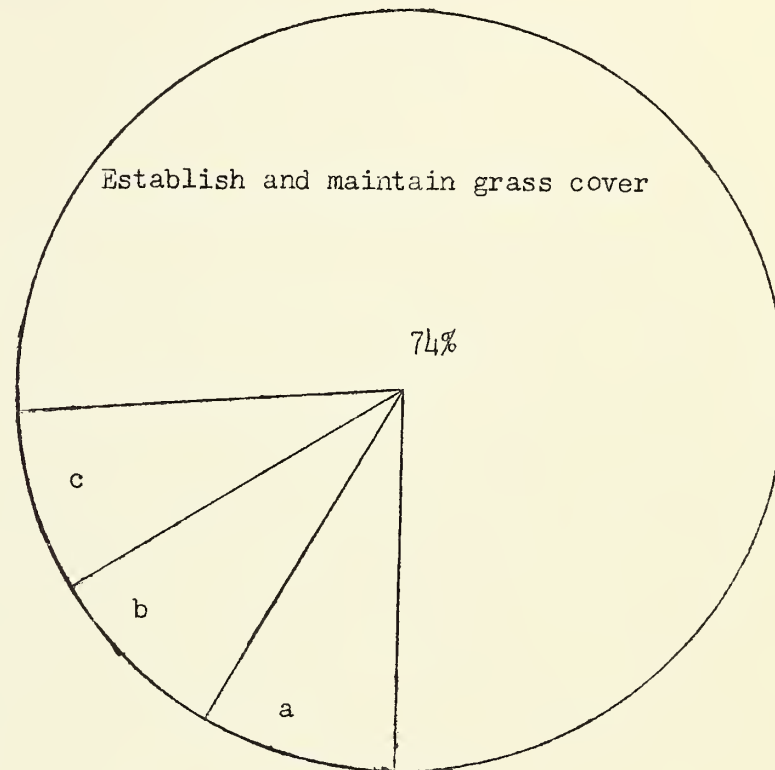
All counties entered into agreements with the Soil Conservation Service and/or the Vermont Forest Service for the purpose of obtaining technical assistance in connection with practices for which these agencies have technical responsibility. The amounts of these agreements are listed below:

<u>County</u>	<u>SCS-5%</u> <u>1969</u>	<u>FS-1%</u> <u>1969</u>
Addison	\$ 6210	\$ 1242
Bennington	1441	288
Caledonia	3421	684
Chittenden	3762	600
Essex	490	100
Franklin	6267	500
Grand Isle	976	115
Lamoille	1100	479
Orange	3490	698
Orleans	5104	800
Rutland	4082	816
Washington	2849	570
Windham	578	365
Windsor	<u>3502</u>	<u>701</u>
Total	\$43272	\$7958

VERMONT
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF ACP ASSISTANCE FOR PRACTICES AND SERVICES CARRIED OUT
(Comparing 1959 Program Year with 1969 Program Year)
1959 1969



- | | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| a. Obstruction Removal | - 6.6% | |
| b. Drainage | - 5.0% | |
| c. Forestry | - 6.8% | |
| d. All Other | - 6.0% | |
| Stripcropping | | Shaping and Land Grading |
| Farm Ponds | | Chammel Clearing |
| Pipelines | | Shore Protection |
| Springs & Seeps | | Green Manure |
| Permanent | | Soil Sampling |
| Vegetation | | 5% Agreements |



- | | | |
|---------------|---------|--------------------|
| a. Drainage | - 8.1% | |
| b. Forestry | - 7.6% | |
| c. All Other | - 10.3% | |
| Stripcropping | | Shore Protection |
| Farm Ponds | | Home Gardens |
| Pipelines | | Springs & Seeps |
| Green Manure | | Wildlife Ponds |
| Mulching | | Wildlife Land Mgt. |
| | | Beautification |
| | | 5% Agreements |
| | | 1% Agreements |
| | | Program Services |

VERMONT
Ground Limestone Furnished as CMS under ACP
(Contract material only)

Tons
70000

65000

60000

55000

50000

45000

40000

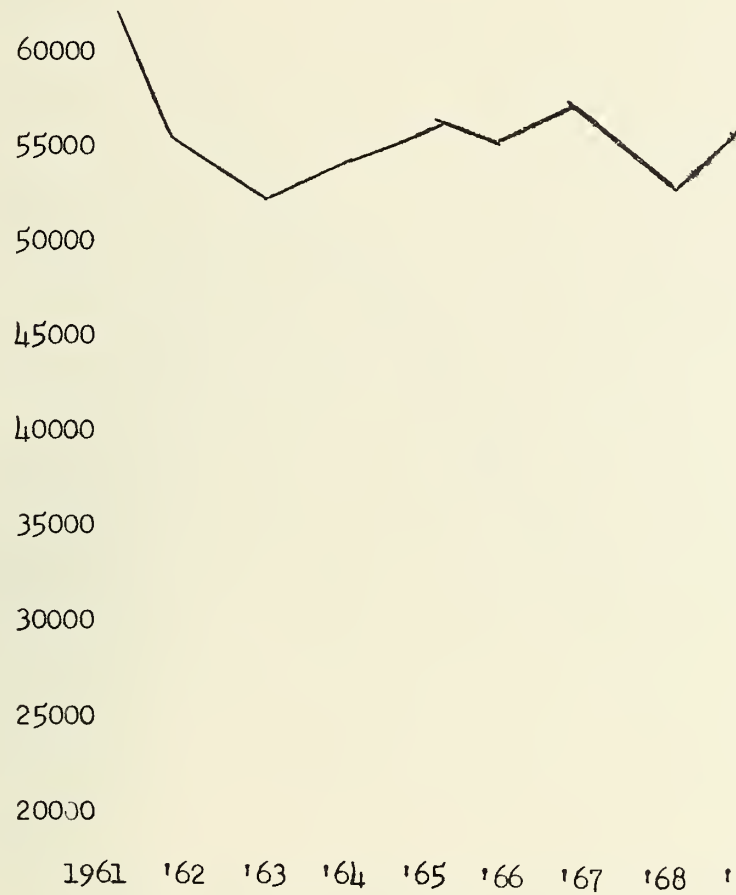
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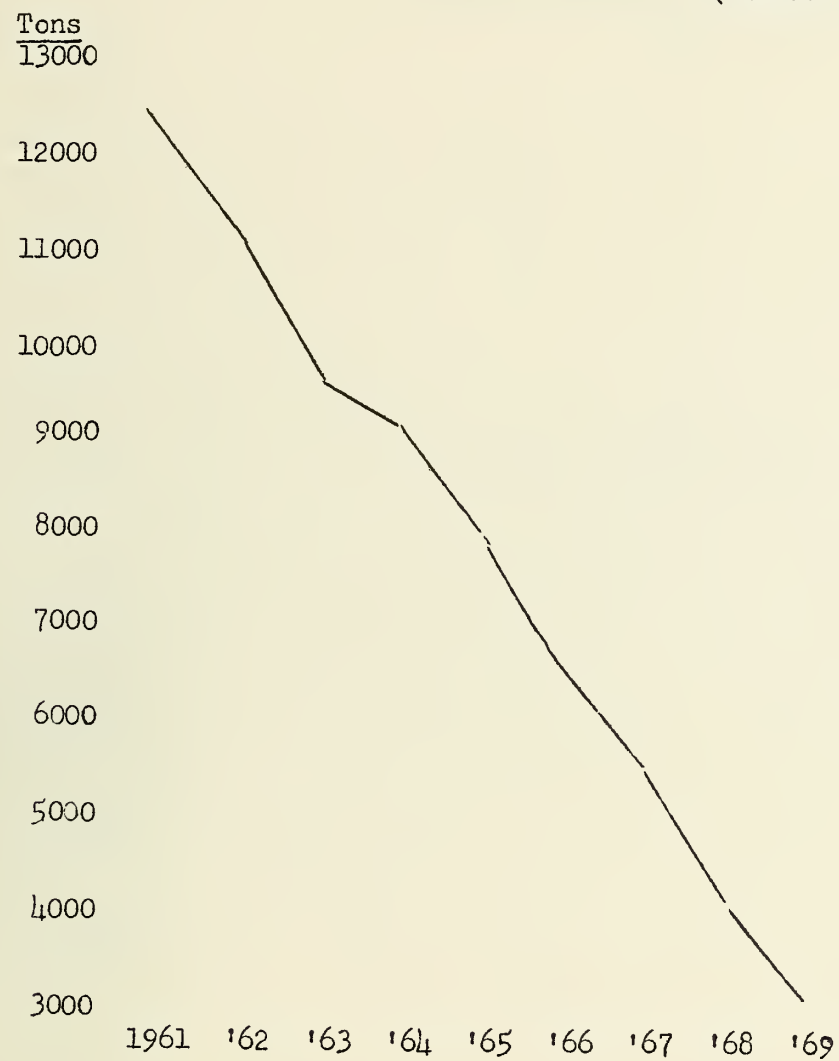
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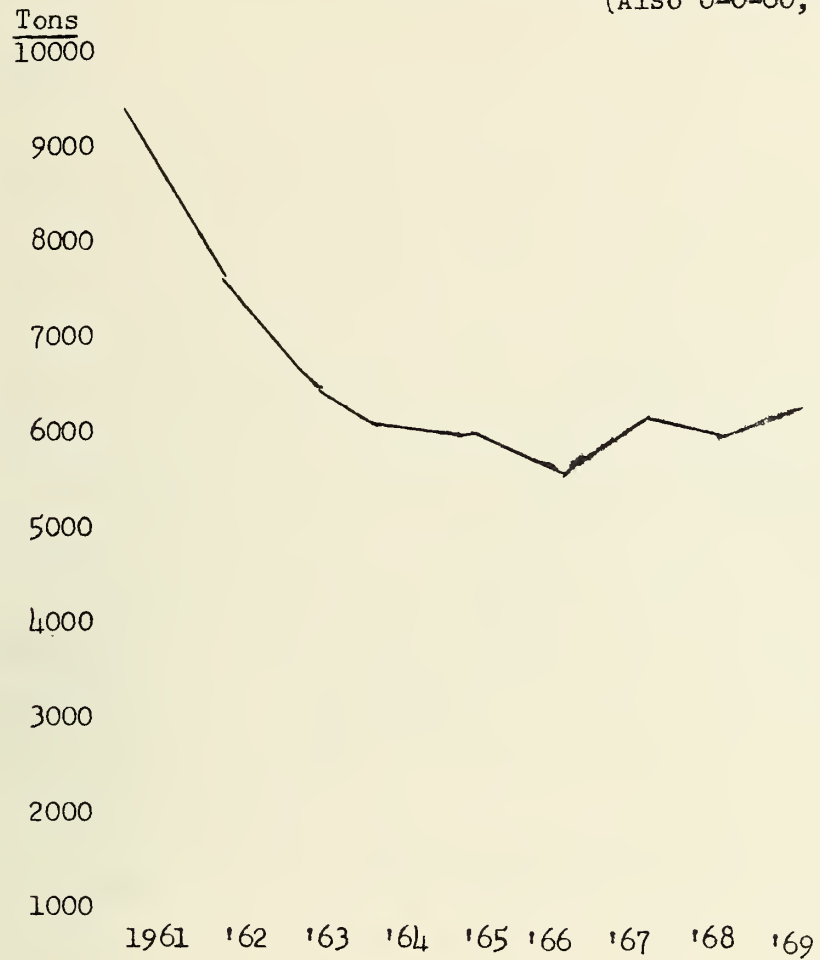
1961 '62 '63 '64 '65 '66 '67 '68 '69



VERMONT
Superphosphate (20% Equivqlent) Furnished as CMS under ACP
(Contract material only)



VERMONT
Mixed Fertilizer Furnished as CMS under ACP
(Includes 0-15-30, 0-20-20 and 0-25-25 contract material only)
(Also 0-0-60, 0-10-30, and 15-15-15)



VERMONT

Planting Trees under ACP

Acres
4000



VERMONT

Improving Woodlands under ACP

Acres
9000

34-year total - 88,509 acres



VERMONT

Open Drainage Ditches under ACP

Cu. Yds.
200000

175000

150000

125000

100000

75000

50000

0

23-year total - 3,127,590 cu. yds.

1951 1953 1955 1957 1959 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969

VERMONT
Tile Drains under ACP

Lin.
Ft.

180000

23-year total - 1,071,899 lin. ft.

160000

140000

120000

100000

80000

60000

40000

20000

0

1953 '54 '55 '56 '57 '58 '59 '60 '61 '62 '63 '64 '65 '66 '67 '68 '69

State of Vermont

*ACP Enrollment by Counties for Specified Years

<u>County</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Addison	439	1025	872	628	869	845	835	836	765	720	725	697	715	717	701
Bennington	149	451	419	288	285	275	271	280	281	279	273	259	227	228	238
Caled.	570	1105	810	669	753	722	766	728	689	656	625	597	535	574	584
Chitt.	406	852	756	625	669	626	608	602	554	559	533	499	448	453	449
Essex	177	241	216	163	167	150	155	153	147	133	131	123	122	123	127
Franklin	525	1464	1237	1034	1167	1094	1119	1058	998	968	942	922	905	842	794
Gr. Isle	127	257	182	177	180	176	174	164	155	158	160	140	131	136	135
Lamoille	320	630	560	425	465	462	498	499	498	483	486	502	482	475	415
Orange	533	1017	850	625	780	698	665	696	670	703	683	640	583	530	585
Orleans	734	1304	1330	977	1007	970	943	935	944	877	871	807	802	770	760
Rutland	580	1039	825	705	760	763	758	714	673	655	623	617	600	570	565
Wash.	465	947	776	614	626	614	614	630	624	591	552	553	537	524	506
Windham	342	615	642	423	446	423	396	375	370	356	335	310	308	270	261
Windsor	335	1083	972	762	689	684	644	640	582	594	554	519	515	470	496
Total	5702	12030	10447	8115	8863	8502	8446	8310	7950	7732	7493	7185	6910	6682	6616

*Enrollment total each year varies slightly from actual participation because of some farmers who sign up but do not carry out any practices.

USE OF FUNDS 1936 - 1969

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Govt. Funds</u>	<u>Cash Collected From Farmers</u>	<u>Estimated Add'l Expense Contributed by Farmer</u>
1936	\$ 305,000	\$ --	\$ 230,000
1937	447,000	--	500,000
1938	520,000	20,701	500,000
1939	840,000	86,854	500,000
1940	833,000	50,738	520,000
1941	992,000	61,413	550,000
1942	1,002,000	47,198	700,000
1943	1,062,000	95,156	700,000
1944	1,309,000	--	750,000
1945	815,000	212,113	750,000
1946	997,000	354,082	800,000
1947	834,000	270,000	750,000
1948	678,000	420,631	600,000
1949	1,149,000	740,019	750,000
1950	1,154,000	905,517	750,000
1951	1,221,000	888,762	750,000
1952	1,017,000	818,397	750,000
1953	1,021,000	777,449	750,000
1954	795,000	611,430	600,000
1955	1,105,000	619,491	750,000
1956	1,106,000	609,578	750,000
1957	1,112,000	715,101	800,000
1958	1,114,000	783,512	850,000
1959	1,116,000	866,280	868,000
1960	1,114,000	764,503	870,000
1961	1,122,000	808,983	870,000
1962	1,107,000	716,132	870,000
1963	1,090,000	594,857	870,000
1964	1,081,000	548,925	870,000
1965	1,075,000	580,696	870,000
1966	1,066,000	559,961	870,000
1967	1,056,000	624,417	875,000
1968	931,000	540,674	875,000
1969	924,000	560,037	875,000
Total	33,110,000	16,253,607	24,933,000

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ACP Participation by Counties for Specified Years

<u>County</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Addison	822	765	554	708	769	736	667	588	557	571	557	528
Bennington	404	310	261	264	262	235	234	215	206	187	157	146
Caledonia	737	659	567	597	630	621	568	512	439	389	376	346
Chittenden	727	665	572	564	574	518	471	442	383	348	348	276
Essex	208	201	144	130	142	111	113	100	98	94	95	93
Franklin	1102	974	771	891	958	929	799	767	688	732	675	609
Grand Isle	176	152	113	140	155	143	114	131	105	104	107	93
Lamoille	509	450	343	409	386	405	382	373	394	396	267	246
Orange	806	677	501	583	670	575	564	580	520	421	393	441
Orleans	1124	1014	615	826	827	795	640	601	534	530	539	494
Rutland	751	692	592	610	655	622	580	511	474	460	424	413
Washington	751	567	449	496	564	549	495	442	452	407	395	356
Windham	611	508	363	394	388	356	298	276	247	236	216	182
Windsor	<u>943</u>	<u>841</u>	<u>589</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>489</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>380</u>
Totals	9671	8475	6434	7157	7611	7174	6461	6027	5520	5327	4939	4603

1969 ACP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

County	Pr. A-2 Establishing Permanent Cover				Pr. A-5 Contour Stripcropping			Pr. A-7 Planting Trees			
	Acres	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost- share Per Acre	Acres	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Acres	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost- share Per Acre
Addison	3509	20550	15.29	5.86	--	--	--	62	1524	1.13	24.58
Benn.	982	4497	15.82	4.58	--	--	--	13	312	1.10	24.00
Cal.	846	8934	14.45	10.56	--	--	--	48	1119	1.81	23.31
Chitt.	1846	12734	18.34	6.90	--	--	--	91	1975	2.84	21.70
Essex	595	7009	34.34	11.78	--	--	--	30	683	3.35	22.77
Franklin	4711	37060	27.84	7.87	--	--	--	31	835	.63	26.94
Gr. Isle	773	5290	25.01	6.84	--	--	--	1	25	.12	25.00
Lamoille	1463	10506	24.91	7.18	--	--	--	117	2925	6.94	25.00
Orange	1144	9168	12.95	8.01	--	--	--	74	1863	2.63	25.18
Orleans	2837	35989	36.70	12.69	--	--	--	42	630	.64	15.00
Rutland	1425	10875	13.81	7.63	15	130	.16	59	1455	1.85	24.66
Washington	1029	10275	18.15	9.99	52	326	.58	171	3321	5.86	19.42
Windham	803	5936	17.02	7.39	--	--	--	6	120	.34	20.00
Windsor	741	5935	8.97	8.01	11	162	.24	69	1701	2.57	24.65
Total	22704	184758	20.16	8.14	78	618	.07	814	18488	2.02	22.71

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1969 ACP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selective Practices)

County	Acres	Pr. B-1 Improving Cover			Pr. B-6 Springs or Seeps				Pr. B-7 Farm Ponds			
		Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost- share Per Acre	No.	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost- share Per Spr.	No.	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost- share Per Pond
Addison	16652	92212	68.60	5.54	--	--	--	--	3	826	.61	275.33
Bennington	3378	15087	53.09	4.47	--	--	--	--	4	1200	4.22	300.00
Caledonia	5084	34640	56.03	6.81	2	732	.54	366.00	6	2596	4.20	432.67
Chitt.	6075	41943	60.41	6.90	1	81	.28	81.00	1	100	.14	100.00
Essex	639	6336	31.04	9.92	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Franklin	8289	66590	50.02	8.03	2	220	.17	110.00	3	435	.33	145.00
Gr. Isle	1497	7384	34.91	4.93	--	--	--	--	2	638	3.02	319.00
Lamoille	2668	12687	30.09	4.76	1	270	.64	270.00	3	840	1.99	280.00
Orange	7813	44456	62.81	5.69	--	--	--	--	3	950	1.34	316.67
Orleans	7287	43722	44.59	6.00	--	--	--	--	3	870	.89	290.00
Rutland	5568	39545	50.20	7.10	2	680	.86	340.00	9	1719	2.18	191.00
Washington	4645	30332	53.57	6.53	1	125	.22	125.00	2	747	1.32	373.50
Windham	4098	22407	64.23	5.47	--	--	--	--	1	200	.57	200.00
Windsor	5529	37834	57.17	6.84	--	--	--	--	3	1505	2.27	501.67
Total	79222	495175	54.04	6.25	9	2108	.23	234.22	43	12626	1.38	293.63

1969 ACP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

County	Pr. B-8 Pipelines, etc.			Pr. B-10 Timber Stand Improvement				Pr. C-1 Sod Waterways		
	Acres Served	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Acres	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost- share Per Acre	Acres Served	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.
Addison	64	83	.06	148	1771	1.32	11.97	108	1038	.77
Bennington	--	--	--	183	1767	6.22	9.66	--	--	--
Caledonia	11	50	.08	477	3843	6.22	8.06	--	--	--
Chitt.	30	132	1.90	198	2318	3.34	11.71	20	250	.36
Essex	--	--	--	311	4483	21.96	14.41	--	--	--
Franklin	60	487	3.66	777	7783	5.85	10.02	30	147	.11
Gr. Isle	--	--	--	5	75	.35	15.00	--	--	--
Lamcille	--	--	--	516	7177	17.02	13.91	10	336	.80
Orange	--	--	--	491	5629	7.95	11.46	--	--	--
Orleans	47	64	.07	448	2818	2.87	6.29	--	--	--
Rutland	25	180	.23	742	7259	9.22	9.78	20	375	.48
Washington	67	668	1.18	153	1704	3.01	11.14	--	--	--
Windham	--	--	--	205	2460	7.05	12.00	--	--	--
Windsor	25	75	.11	494	6055	9.15	12.26	23	635	.96
Total	329	1739	.19	5148	55142	6.02	10.71	211	2781	.30

1969 ACP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

County	Pr. C-5 Diversion Ditches			Pr. C-7 Drop Structures			Pr. C-8 Streambank Protection			Pr. C-9 Open Drainage			Average Cost- share Per Acre
	Acres	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Acres Served	Cost- Share	% of Total County Assist.	Acres Served	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Acres Served	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	
Add.	122	2220	1.65	--	--	--	--	--	--	139	6651	4.95	47.85
Benn.	10	150	.53	--	--	--	--	--	--	48	686	2.41	14.29
Caled.	--	--	--	--	--	--	30	420	.68	3	216	.35	72.00
Chitt.	15	167	.24	10	150	.22	--	--	--	95	1680	2.42	17.68
Essex	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	405	1.98	50.62
Franklin	4	35	.03	--	--	--	--	--	--	173	5006	3.76	28.94
Gr. Isle	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	460	3504	16.56	7.62
Lamoille	4	35	.08	--	--	--	92	1101	2.61	66	1401	3.32	21.23
Orange	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	82	.12	15	505	.71	33.67
Orleans	--	--	--	--	--	--	30	101	.10	34	665	.68	19.56
Rutland	45	1085	1.38	--	--	--	18	687	.87	116	4417	5.61	38.08
Wash.	8	260	.46	--	--	--	3	100	.18	66	2558	4.52	38.76
Windham	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Windsor	16	567	.86	--	--	--	68	913	1.38	18	797	1.20	44.28
Total	224	4519	.49	10	150	.02	251	3404	.37	1241	28491	3.11	22.96

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1969 ACP Practice Assistance by Counties
(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

County	Pr. C-10 Underground Drainage				Pr. C-11 Shaping or Land Grading				Pr. D-3 Seeding for Green Manure		
	Acres Served	Cost shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost- share Per Acre	Acres Served	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost- share Per Acre	Acres	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.
Addison	8	725	.54	90.62	214	1822	1.36	8.51	--	--	--
Bennington	15	500	1.76	33.33	23	100	.35	4.35	--	--	--
Caledonia	99	4381	7.09	44.25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chittenden	81	2415	3.48	29.81	85	1137	1.64	13.38	--	--	--
Essex	13	718	3.52	55.23	10	120	.59	12.00	--	--	--
Franklin	196	7464	5.61	38.08	2	93	.07	46.50	--	--	--
Gr. Isle	54	3396	16.05	62.89	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lamoille	47	2077	4.93	44.19	8	473	1.12	59.12	--	--	--
Orange	46	1726	2.44	37.52	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Orleans	180	5114	5.22	28.41	5	243	.25	48.60	--	--	--
Rutland	45	2113	2.68	46.96	98	862	1.09	8.80	--	--	--
Washington	62	1831	3.23	29.53	5	183	.32	36.60	--	--	--
Windham	24	1267	3.63	52.79	--	--	--	--	165	660	.47
Windsor	32	2759	4.17	86.22	22	446	.67	20.27	--	--	--
Total	902	36486	3.98	40.45	472	5479	.60	11.61	165	660	.07

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(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

County	Pr. E-4 Mulching Orchards			Pr. E-5 Home Gardens				Pr. F-2(a) Super with Manure			
	Acres	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Acres	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost- share Per Acre	Acres	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost- share Per Acre
Addison	43	480	.36	--	--	--	--	488	3512	2.61	7.20
Pennington	28	138	.49	--	--	--	--	352	1694	5.96	4.81
Caled.	--	--	--	1	33	.05	33.00	385	2689	4.35	6.98
Chitt.	--	--	--	5	115	.17	23.00	365	2062	2.97	5.65
Essex	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	147	562	2.75	3.82
Franklin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	750	4499	3.38	6.00
Gr. Isle	14	120	.57	--	--	--	--	77	661	3.12	8.58
Lamoille	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	531	922	2.19	1.74
Orange	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	559	3107	4.39	5.56
Orleans	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	697	4182	4.27	6.00
Rutland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	661	4763	6.05	7.21
Washington	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	366	2706	4.78	7.39
Windham	82	410	1.18	--	--	--	--	234	1426	4.09	6.09
Windsor	--	--	--	1	36	.05	36.00	316	2294	3.47	7.26
Total	167	1148	.13	7	184	.02	25.29	5928	35079	3.83	5.92

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(Extent Performed, Amount Paid, and Percent)
(Average Cost-share Assistance Shown for Selected Practices)

County	No.	Pr. G-3 Wildlife Ponds			Pr. G-4(a) Managing Land for Wildlife Habitat		Pr. H Beautification Practices		Total County Assistance
		Cost shares	% of Total County Assist.	Average Cost- share Per Pond	Cost shares	% of Total County Assist.	Cost- shares	% of Total County Assist.	
Addison	2	300	.22	150.00	708	.53	--	--	134422
Bennington	5	1500	5.28	300.00	767	2.70	20	.07	28418
Caledonia	4	1000	1.62	250.00	1125	1.82	45	.07	61823
Chitt.	--	--	--	--	1666	2.40	500	.72	69425
Essex	--	--	--	--	96	.47	--	--	20412
Franklin	1	2485	1.87	2485.00	--	--	--	--	133139
Gr. Isle	--	--	--	--	60	.28	--	--	21153
Iamouille	5	691	1.64	138.20	727	1.72	--	--	42168
Orange	11	2200	3.11	200.00	1095	1.55	--	--	70781
Orleans	7	3200	3.26	457.14	453	.46	--	--	98051
Rutland	3	750	.95	250.00	1625	2.06	250	.32	78770
Washington	--	--	--	--	1488	2.63	--	--	56624
Windham	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34886
Windsor	4	2120	3.20	530.00	2346	3.54	--	--	66180
Total	42	14246	1.54	339.19	12156	1.33	815	.09	916252

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

1969 was the fourteenth year the Conservation Reserve part of the Soil Bank Program was available to farmers. The Congress did not continue the program to take on new land after 1960. The following statistics are for the 1969 program year:

Summary 1969 Conservation Reserve Activity in Vermont

<u>County</u>	<u>No. Contracts In Force</u>	<u>Acres Under Contract</u>
Addison	3	64
Bennington	18	558
Caledonia	98	3090
Chittenden	14	429
Essex	36	1024
Franklin	31	1275
Grand Isle	6	264
Lamoille	46	966
Orange	38	895
Orleans	64	2157
Rutland	25	896
Washington	83	1845
Windham	0	0
Windsor	<u>22</u>	<u>314</u>
Total	484	13777

State Totals - Conservation Reserve to Date
(1956 thru 1969)

1. Total acres trees planted - approximately 9100.
2. Payments cumulative from inception through 1969:

Annual - - - - -	\$3,873,481
Practice - - - - -	289,633
Total - - - - -	<u>\$4,163,114</u>

FEED GRAIN PROGRAM

In 1969 Vermont farmers were eligible to participate in the Feed Grain Program for the ninth year. The program was designed to reduce the production of feed grain crops which are in temporary surplus. Vermont farmers were eligible to receive payment for diverting acres formerly producing corn including silage corn, barley and grain sorghums. The following statistics are for the 1969 program year:

<u>County</u>	<u>Number Farms Participating</u>	<u>Acreage Diverted</u>	<u>Total Diversion and Price Support Payments</u>	<u>Average Diversion Payment per Acre</u>
Addison	21	304	\$ 12724	\$41.86
Bennington	34	410	14528	35.43
Caledonia	40	285	10981	38.53
Chittenden	50	684	29559	43.21
Essex	1	5	171	34.20
Franklin	25	310	11220	36.19
Grand Isle	46	630	21268	33.76
Lamoille	15	163	7378	45.26
Orange	34	270	12227	45.29
Orleans	23	199	7433	37.35
Rutland	67	811	32518	40.10
Washington	36	358	14652	40.93
Windham	6	89	3261	36.64
Windsor	<u>9</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>3860</u>	<u>42.89</u>
State Totals	407	4608	\$181780	\$39.45

CROPLAND ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

The Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, among other things, provided for long-time diversion of land currently being used for the production of surplus crops to protective uses.

This program helped farmers to divert cropland to protective conservation uses under long-term agreements. Land was taken out of crop production in 1966 and 1967 for periods of five to ten years. Participants received adjustment payments calculated as a portion of the value of the crops which otherwise would be produced on the land. They were eligible for conservation cost-share payments on the diverted land.

The status of agreements as of 12-31-69 is:

<u>County</u>	<u>1966 and 1967</u>		
	<u>Number</u> <u>Agreements</u>	<u>Acres</u> <u>Diverted</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Payments</u>
Addison	1	25	\$ 839
Bennington	10	303	4520
Caledonia	3	88	735
Chittenden	7	176	4715
Essex	1	85	680
Franklin	2	122	1012
Grand Isle	7	143	3952
Lamoille	1	7	223
Orange	9	102	3176
Orleans	4	88	956
Rutland	6	188	2174
Washington	5	83	346
Windham	1	28	960
Windsor	<u>5</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>2396</u>
Totals	62	1550	26684

Practice payments amounted to \$2051 with a possibility of an additional \$1381 to be made.

PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAMS

In the field of price support the Vermont ASC Committee has concerned itself with keeping up to date on the over-all activities of the various price support programs that would affect the State's agriculture, such as those for dairy products, honey, wheat, corn, and the purchase and loan programs. Information on these has been passed along to the county offices and, through publicity, the farmers have been kept informed.

WHEAT PROGRAM

All States with wheat acreage history are considered commercial wheat states under this program.

The National allotment was 51.6 million acres for 1969. This was a decrease of 7.7 million acres from the 1968 National allotment. Vermont's share of the National allotment was 448 acres.

There are 77 Vermont farms of record with wheat allotments. These are located in Addison, Chittenden, Grand Isle, Orleans, and Windham Counties, with 53 of them being in Addison County. These farmers were notified of their 1969 allotments and had an opportunity to enroll in the county office between February 3 and March 21.

WOOL PROGRAM

The 1969 support program on wool was carried out under the National Wool Act of 1954, as amended. The program was extended through 1970 by Public Law 90-559 approved October 11, 1968.

The 1969 incentive price was 69¢ per pound. Deductions of 1½¢ per pound from shorn wool payments and 7½¢ per hundredweight from lamb payments were made for advertising promotion and related market development activities on wool and lamb. This promotion program was carried out by the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc.

The Vermont summary of the 1968 Wool Program follows (1969 figures are not yet available):

Vermont Summary of Wool Program
1968 Marketing Year

County	No. Appl. Payt.	Lbs. Wool Sold	Net Proceeds To Farmer	Ave. Price Per Lb.	Govt. Payment	No. Appl. Payt.	Wt. Lambs Sold	Govt. Payment
Add.	8	6046	\$ 2499	.41	\$ 1635	5	19835	\$ 210
Penn.	10	4188	1694	.40	1108	2	6350	67
Caled.	15	5360	2384	.44	1559	3	2721	29
Chitt.	4	1084	461	.43	301	3	2642	28
Essex	4	1002	465	.46	304	-	--	---
Franklin	3	1310	550	.42	360	1	8435	89
Gr. Isle	1	389	163	.42	107	1	4550	48
Lamoille	1	117	49	.42	32	-	--	---
Orange	21	3517	1478	.42	966	6	2318	25
Orleans	1	154	62	.40	40	-	--	---
Rutland	21	7082	3026	.43	1979	7	23174	246
Wash.	10	3761	1767	.47	1155	1	7305	77
Windham	8	3711	1532	.41	1002	3	3906	41
Windsor	19	2274	911	.40	595	1	407	4
Total	126	39995	\$17041	.43	\$11143	33	81643	\$864

The 1968 marketing year incentive rate 65.4% of net proceeds on shorn wool and \$1.06 per cwt. liveweight on unshorn lambs.

Wool Payments Made in Vermont
1955 - 1968

Year	National Average Price	Shorn Wool			Unshorn Lambs		
		Lbs.	Rate of Payment	Payment \$	Lbs.	Rate of Payment (Cwt.)	Payment \$
1955	44.9¢	49000	42.8%	10171	142000	77¢	1194
1956	44.3¢	56148	40.0%	9974	192377	71¢	1101
1957	53.7¢	55716	15.5%	4550	151286	33¢	499
1958	36.4¢	49712	70.3%	13494	162082	\$1.02	1647
1959	43.3¢	67057	43.2%	13204	145051	75¢	1154
1960	42.0¢	52579	47.6%	12855	147619	80¢	1180
1961	42.9¢	52174	44.5%	13582	108801	76¢	809
1962	47.7¢	44393	30.0%	7342	96607	57¢	507
1963	48.5¢	45292	27.8%	6465	68785	54¢	396
1964	53.2¢	44464	16.5%	4200	86654	35¢	303
1965	47.1¢	45884	31.6%	7465	76560	60¢	419
1966	52.1¢	40797	24.8%	6204	93402	52¢	426
1967	39.8¢	34632	65.8%	10579	66223	\$1.05	695
1968	40.5¢	39995	65.4%	11143	81643	\$1.06	864

DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

The State ASCS organization has been actively working with other USDA agencies in carrying out defense assignments made to the Department of Agriculture.

ASCS offices act as support offices at the State and county levels. This involves providing space for defense board meetings and doing the necessary paper work as well as maintaining the files.

The State ASCS Executive Director serves as State USDA Defense Board Chairman and the County Executive Directors serve as chairmen of the respective county defense boards. In this position, our organization has been busy in working with local Civil Defense officials in trying to make the necessary plans for keeping farmers informed of the production and distribution of the necessary food for our population in case of an emergency.

OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Outdoor Conservation Laboratory

The Vermont ASCS participated in this workshop sponsored by the Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs in cooperation with Vermont State agencies concerned with conservation of all natural resources.

The Laboratory for 1969 was divided into two 10-day courses of orientation and field trips covering the subjects of minerals, soil, ACP, water, forests and wildlife. The attendance at each session consisted of 25 teachers of graded and high school level who were awarded scholarships for the Laboratory.

These teachers spent part of one day on ACP and visited farms in the vicinity of Morrisville, Vermont. At these farms, County Committeeman Lawrence Gregory, Community Committeeman Raymond Jones, and County Agent Silas Jewett outlined the part that the ACP program plays in the conservation effort. The teachers then reviewed the conservation work carried out on the Raymond Jones farm.

Informational Activities

The memorandum of understanding with the Vermont Extension Service to edit and arrange for final release to State and county newspapers information concerning ASCS programs in Vermont was continued. This method is very satisfactory, and the Vermont Extension Service information staff is always cooperative in this respect.

Several radio tapes were made during the year using Extension Service facilities and these were released to radio stations throughout Vermont. In addition, several radio programs were arranged for at the county level and were participated in by State office personnel and local ASCS people.

State office personnel appeared on the television program "Across the Fence" over WCAX-TV, Burlington. Arrangements for these appearances were made in cooperation with the Vermont Extension Editor's office.

The monthly newsletter distributed to county and community committeemen and cooperating agencies was continued in 1969. These letters are a method of pointing out the highlights of ASCS programs in Vermont.

County informational meetings were held in counties in the spring of 1969. In several counties, these meetings were combined with a tour of farms which were carrying out conservation programs. These meetings were attended by county and community committeemen, visiting farmers, and representatives of cooperating agencies. Counties developed their own programs and stressed long-range conservation practices such as forestry, and soil and water conservation work, as well as the value of soil sampling. Attendance was excellent and programs were interesting and informative. County agents, county foresters, SCS and Extension personnel helped to arrange and conduct these meetings.

At the beginning of programs, and on other occasions as needed, suggested county news releases were provided to county offices. These were adapted locally and released for publication through the County Extension Office. In addition, timely ASCS news and announcements were disseminated locally through the county agent, either in his radio program, newsletter, or column in the newspaper.

This year, the Vermont State Committee, State office personnel and County Executive Directors met with other New England States personnel at a New England-wide conference in Boston, Massachusetts. Vermont had not participated in this type of conference for several years. It proved to be very interesting and successful.

